



Minutes
Rolling Hills City Council
Monday, June 9, 2025
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Council of the City of Rolling Hills met in person on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pieper presiding.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present:	Mirsch, Wilson, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper
Councilmembers Absent:	Black
Staff Present:	Karina Bañales, City Manager Christian Horvath, Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk Samantha Crew, Management Analyst Robert Samario, Finance Operations Lead Consultant Norma Tabares, Assistant City Attorney

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Wilson

4. PRESENTATIONS / PROCLAMATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Pieper announced that the City Council would be adjourning the meeting in memory of Dr. Arvel B. Witte a longtime resident.

5. APPROVE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to move Excluded Consent Calendar Items after Public Hearings. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES:	Mirsch, Wilson, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Black

6. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS (SUPPLEMENTAL) – NONE

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment: Judith Haenel

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

8.A. APPROVE AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING FOR THE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING OF JUNE 9, 2025

8.B. APPROVE MOTION TO READ BY TITLE ONLY AND WAIVE FURTHER READING OF ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS LISTED ON THE AGENDA

8.C. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2025: CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

8.D. PAYMENT OF BILLS

8.E. APPROVE EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MCGOWAN CONSULTING LLC. FOR SERVICES RELATING TO STORMWATER MANDATE COMPLIANCE

8.F. APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JTL CONSULTANTS FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD AT A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$5,000 PER FISCAL YEAR PROVIDING ON-CALL ARBORIST SERVICES TO SUPPORT STAFF IN FIRE FUEL ABATEMENT CODE ENFORCEMENT CASES

8.G. APPROVE A FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LSL, LLC TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE THREE FISCAL YEARS STARTING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$114,900

8.H. PULLED BY MAYOR PRO TEM DIERINGER

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8.J. FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 387 DESIGNATING FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES WITHIN THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS, CALIFORNIA BASED ON MAPS PROVIDED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION AND AMENDING TITLE 15 (BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION) OF THE ROLLING HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE, AND FINDING THE ORDINANCE NOT SUBJECT TO CEQA

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer to approve the Consent Calendar except for Item 8H and 8I. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper
NOES: None
ABSENT: Black

Mayor Pieper moved to Public Hearings.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

11.A. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING POTENTIAL INCREASE TO REFUSE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/26

Presentation by Finance Operations Lead Consultant Samario

Public Comment: Judith Haenel

Motion by Councilmember Mirsch, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to approve Resolution No. 1394. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper
NOES: None
ABSENT: Black

11.B. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 1390 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 CITY OF ROLLING HILLS BUDGET INCLUDING THE GENERAL FUND; REFUSE COLLECTION FUND; TRANSIT FUND - MEASURE R; TRANSIT FUND - MEASURE M; TRANSIT FUND - PROPOSITION A; TRANSIT FUND - PROPOSITION C; COPS FUND; MEASURE W FUND; AND RESOLUTION NO. 1391 ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 APPROPRIATIONS GANN LIMIT FOR THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS

Presentation by Finance Operations Lead Consultant Samario

Motion by Councilmember Mirsch, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper
NOES: None
ABSENT: Black

Mayor Pieper moved to Excluded Consent Calendar Items.

9. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

8.H. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1392 APPROVING THE UPDATED FISCAL YEAR 2025/26 PAY SCHEDULE TO COMPLY WITH CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CALPERS) STATUTORY AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPENSATION EARNABLE AND PUBLICLY AVAILABLE PAY SCHEDULES

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer, seconded by Mayor Pieper to approve the recommended salary levels for all positions with the exception of the Administrative Assistant changing to a minimum monthly salary level of \$4,121 and Management Analyst to a minimum monthly salary level of \$5,851. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Wilson, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper
NOES: Mirsch
ABSENT: Black

8.I. FOR SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: ADOPT BY TITLE ONLY ORDINANCE NO. 386 AMENDING CHAPTER 17.16 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE HEIGHT LIMITS OF SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL HOMES, STABLES AND BARN; AND FINDING THE ACTION TO BE STATUTORILY EXEMPT FROM CEQA UNDER SECTION 21080.17 OF THE PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

Public Comment: Jim Aichele, Judith Haenel

Motion by Mayor Pieper, seconded by Councilmember Wilson to change the maximum height from finished floor to roof peak on homes, barns and stables to 21 feet with all else within that limit and direct staff to remove any potentially ambiguous language. Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Mayor Pieper
NOES: Dieringer
ABSENT: Black

10. COMMISSION ITEMS – NONE

12. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

13. NEW BUSINESS

13.A. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1393 MEMORIALIZING THE 2024 UTILITIES DE-ENERGIZATION DUE TO HISTORICAL LAND MOVEMENT WITHIN ROLLING HILLS AND SUBSEQUENT ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS AND UTILITY PARTNERS

Presentation by City Manager Bañales

Public Comment: Melissa McNabb

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to not approve Resolution No. 1392. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper
NOES: None
ABSENT: Black

Mayor Pieper called for a two-minute recess at 8:28 p.m.

Mayor Pieper resumed the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

14. MATTERS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL

14.A. CONSIDERATION OF SENDING A LETTER IN OPPOSITION REGARDING SB 79 (WIENER) TO CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLYMEMBER MURATSUCHI (MIRSCH)

Presentation by Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk Horvath

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer, seconded by Councilmember Mirsch to authorizing the Mayor to sign the letter, but send separate versions to Senator Wiener, Senator Allen and Assemblymember Muratsuchi. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper
NOES: None
ABSENT: Black

Councilmember Mirsch requested that staff research and provide any information specific to a public comment letter from the May 28, 2025 meeting and ask Cal Water if a representative would attend.

Councilmember Wilson requested that if a member is absent at a meeting where a Blue Folder Supplemental Item is added, that it be provided to the absent member in their next agenda packet.

15. MATTERS FROM STAFF

15.A. RECEIVE AND FILE A VERBAL UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER AUDIO/VISUAL SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS

Presentation by Assistant to the City Manager / City Clerk Horvath

Motion by Councilmember Wilson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dieringer to receive and file. Motion carried unanimously with the following vote:

AYES: Mirsch, Wilson, Dieringer, Mayor Pieper
NOES: None
ABSENT: Black

16. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 8:50 P.M.

16.A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(1) THE CITY FINDS, BASED ON ADVICE FROM LEGAL COUNSEL, THAT DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION WILL PREJUDICE THE POSITION OF THE CITY IN THE LITIGATION. (3 CASES)

A. NAME OF CASE: CONNIE ANDERSEN, ET AL. V. CALIFORNIA WATER COMPANY, ET AL. (SEAVIEW CASE) CASE NO.: 24STCV20953

B. NAME OF CASE: CITY OF ROLLING HILLS V. SCE CPUC DOCKET NO. C.24-10-008

C. NAME OF CASE: CITY OF ROLLING HILLS V. SOCALGAS CPUC DOCKET NO. C.24-10-009

16.B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - INITIATION OF LITIGATION GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(D)(1) THE CITY FINDS, BASED ON ADVICE FROM LEGAL COUNSEL, THAT DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION WILL PREJUDICE THE POSITION OF THE CITY IN THE LITIGATION. (1 CASE) RECOMMENDATION: NONE

16.C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - INITIATION OF LITIGATION A CLOSED SESSION WILL BE HELD, PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54956.9(C) AND (D)(4) REGARDING THE DECISION OF WHETHER TO INITIATE LITIGATION (1 CASE) RECOMMENDATION: NONE

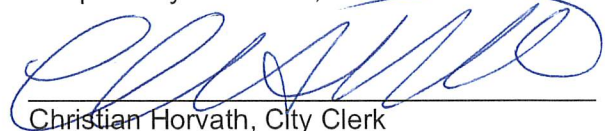
17. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 9:24 P.M.

18. ADJOURNMENT: 9:24 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m. on June 9, 2025 in memory of Dr. Arvel B. Witte, a longtime resident. The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled to be held on Monday, June 9, 2025 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, 2 Portuguese Bend Road, Rolling Hills, California. It will also be available via City's website link at: <https://www.rolling-hills.org/government/agenda/index.php>

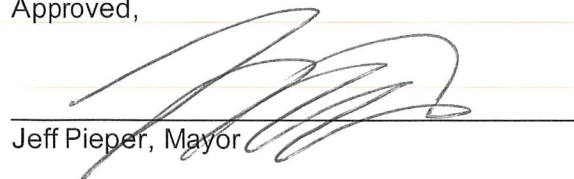
All written comments submitted are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted,



Christian Horvath, City Clerk

Approved,



Jeff Pieper, Mayor

